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SENATOR EDWARD ZORINSKY VICTIM; [REDACTED]

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USE CAUTION BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE [REDACTED]

RE OFFICE OF SENATOR ZORINSKY TELECALL TO BUREAU [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], 12/17/85.

ON 12/17/85, AT 4:45 PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OFFICE OF SENATOR EDWARD ZORINSKY, RUSSEL BUILDING, ROOM 443, WDC, TELEPHONE [REDACTED], APPRISED WFO OF THE RECEIPT OF A THREATENING LETTER, RECEIVED AT THE SENATORS OFFICE, EARLIER THAT SAME DATE.

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FARM CRISIS IN THE MID-WEST AND THE RESULTANT STRESS PLACED UPON
FARMERS.

THE PERTINENT PART OF THE TEXT READ AS FOLLOWS:

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A SENATOR, [REDACTED] THE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ETC."

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SA [REDACTED], UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], 1350 CONNECTICUT AVE., NW, WDC, 20036, SUITE
1000, TELEPHONE # [REDACTED] WAS APPRISED OF THE NATURE AND
CONTENT OF THE THREAT AGAINST SENATOR ZOMINSKY AND REQUESTED A
COPY OF THE LETTER AS WELL AS THE RESULTS OF THE INTERVIEW.

ON 12/17/85, ROBERT HILLMAN, DIRECTOR, SECURITY AND SPECIAL
OPERATIONS, OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
14TH AND INDEPENDENCE AVE., SW, RM 424 A, WDC 20250,
TELEPHONE NUMBER 202-447-3963, WAS LIKEWISE CONTACTED AND APPRISED

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OF THE NATURE AND THREAT AGAINST THE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DIRECTOR HILLMAN REQUESTED TO BE APPRISED UPON COMPLETION OF THE INVESTIGATION.

ON THE EVENING OF 12/17/85, AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO CONTACT THE AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION, WDC, TELEPHONE NUMBER 202-484-2222, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

SGT. [REDACTED] [REDACTED], UNITED STATES CAPITAL POLICE, 331 FIRST STREET, NE, WDC, TELEPHONE [REDACTED], WAS APPRISED OF THE LETTER PRIOR TO NOTIFICATION OF THE BUREAU AND RETRIEVED IT FOR SAFEKEEPING FOR WFO, IN ORDER THAT THE ITEM MIGHT BE SUBMITTED TO FBI LABORATORY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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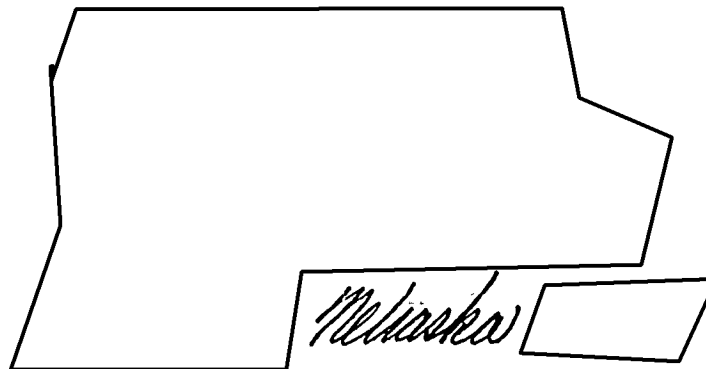
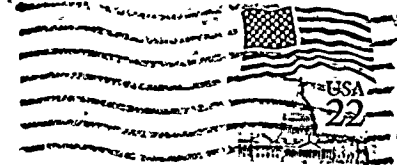
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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D. C.



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Edward Zorinsky
Nebraska



United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D. C.

28 December 1985

Dear [redacted]

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Thank you for your kind comments
in your recent letter concerning my "no"
vote on the Farm bill. You're right - it's
not sufficient to allow agriculture to
function as an important part of this nation.

Your most recent [redacted]

[redacted] is also very much appreciated.

Wishing you and your family the
best for the holiday season and a better
1986 for Agriculture, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Ed Zorinsky

EDWARD ZORINSKY
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October 30, 1985

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[Redacted] Nebraska [Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the 1985 farm bill.

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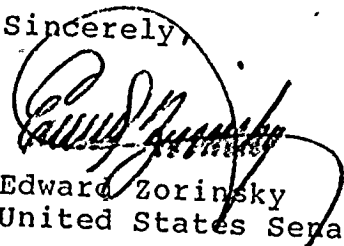
As you probably know, Senate floor debate on the farm bill has been going on since last Friday. I am the Democratic floor manager of this debate and you may be sure, [Redacted], that I am aware of the seriousness of the condition of the farm economy. Many amendments will be offered during floor debate, some weakening and some strengthening the farm bill reported by the Senate Agriculture Committee. Whatever the case, you may be certain that I will be conscious of farmers' critical need for fair prices.

However, you must realize that I am one senator in one-hundred. The 1985 farm bill will be the result of many hours of compromise and negotiation and whether you and I like it or not, the farm coalition in the Senate is going to have to reconcile differences with many opposing interests.

I certainly hope that the 1985 farm bill will help alleviate the problems of our nation's farmers. But we have a long way to travel through the tunnel before we see the light on this bill. You may be certain that I have our farmers' best interests at heart as debate continues.

With best wishes,

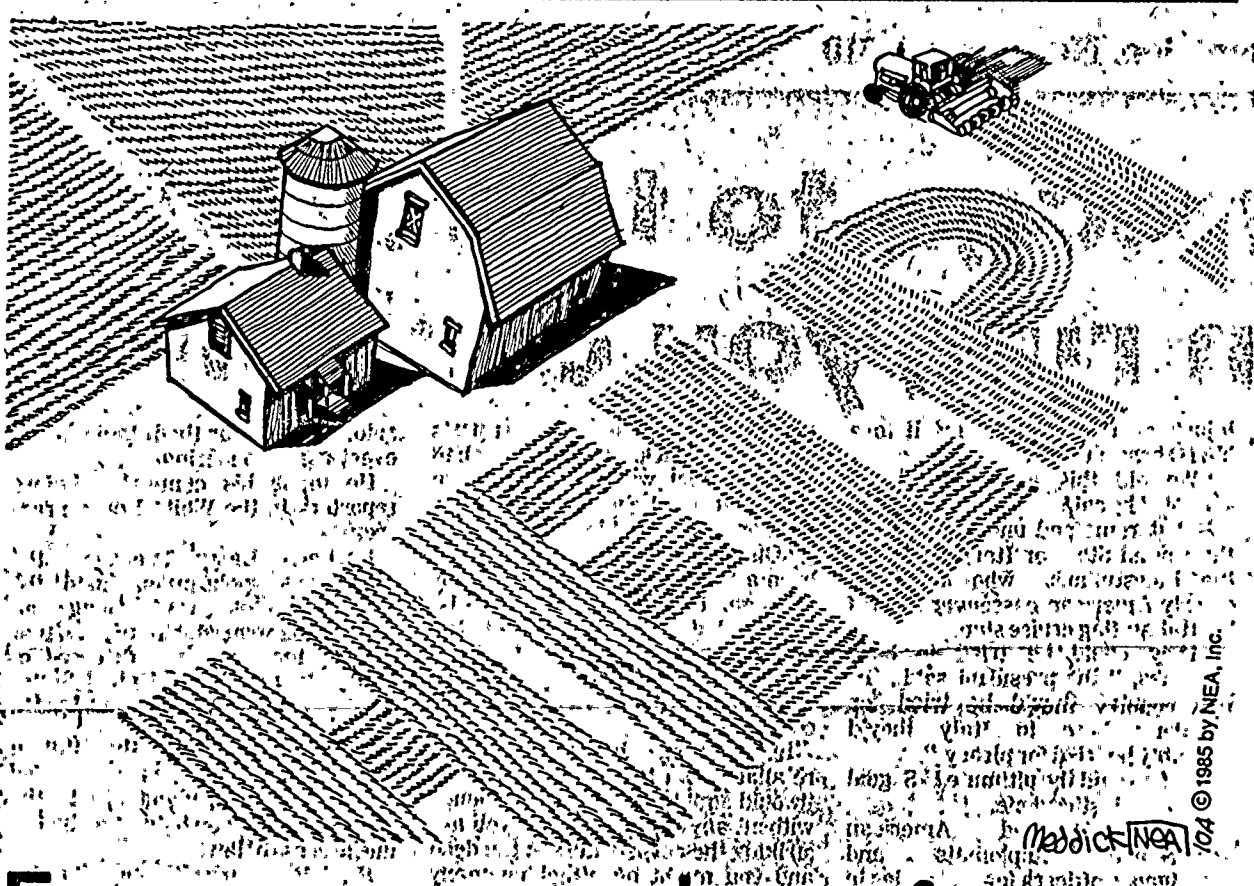
Sincerely,


Edward Zorinsky
United States Senator

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Opinion

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Farmers need profits

By Alan L. Thober

Rural Route 2, Beatrice

Both the Senate and the House committees have now passed their version of the 1985 Farm Bill. It is painfully obvious that neither consider the farm crisis as being a serious threat to our overall economy.

Many agri-businessmen, this administration and some organizations professing to represent farmers opt for a market-oriented program that would remove loan rates as the stabilizing influence on grain prices. They contend that agriculture has the strength to fend for itself against non-structured world markets.

Most farm organizations and certainly the majority of farmers say that since agriculture has a tremendous capacity for overproduction and has no bargaining position by itself, it needs the influence of the government to set a fair price and exercise control over production. These two opposing viewpoints send a very mixed signal to the congressional representatives.

The only major agreement by both factions is that government price supports do set the price for products, both domestically and on the world market. The administration says that price is too high. It makes our products non-competitive on the world market. Farmers contend that price is too low. It prices commodities below the cost of production. Members of Congress seem to lean toward a third option of continuing similar programs of the past. They say low loan rates and government-funded welfare subsistence called target prices would allow the consumer and the world to have inexpensive food.

Certainly there are questions about each position that must be answered. Are loan rates really too high to move production freely on world markets? There is much evidence to suggest that this is not true. In 1984 with world grain production nearing an all-time high and the value of the dollar reaching near record height we exported more grain than in the good year of 1979. Russia has and continues to purchase grain from the United States at record levels.

How important are exports to the farmers of this nation? In terms of production they are very important. Exports account for nearly half of our wheat sales and a third of our feed grain production. In terms of net farm income they are of no importance at all. In terms of a means to raise farm income they are also of little importance unless we have a drastic change in marketing strategy. In the past 25 years we can find only three, that market prices were forced above our cost of production by world demand. If we are serious at all about raising agricultural income, if we truly want a good farm program, perhaps now is way past time that we recognize that the world-wide shortage of grain in the 70s was a phenomenon that is not likely to be repeated in our lifetime.

Even the most ardent supporters of export programs freely advocate lowering prices from present levels; added evidence of the futility of looking to world markets as a solution. Are our grain prices really too low as the majority of farmers contend? Thousands of farmers have been forced into bankruptcy. More than a hundred private agricultural lending institutions have closed their doors. The entire Farm Credit System is insolvent and begging for a multi-billion dollar infusion from the federal government. State and local entities are suffering from a short-fall in revenue.

In total there is more than 217 billions of dollars in farm debt; adequate evidence of insufficient income to this nation's largest industry. Some point out that there

Guest editorial

have been inefficiencies that were a contributing factor. Certainly land banks and PCAs had too many lending officers. They financed operations that directly competed with farmer interests. They encouraged over-expansion. Private banks got caught in a situation of competition. Farmers spent too much, expended too much. State and local governments committed resources beyond agriculture's ability to pay.

History may treat this time of crisis with kindness if those of us involved have learned a little bit about prudence. The human sacrifice involved may not have been in vain if the American people will just understand that the success of this nation lies very close to its soil. The cause of the farm crisis is very simplistic and so is its solution. Perhaps that is why it seems to escape the minds of the Congress. During the inflationary period of the 70s farmers saw their input costs double and in some cases triple. This was not a cause for alarm at that particular time because land values were increasing and extreme world demand led to periods of high commodity prices. Farmer net worth reached an all-time high.

When world demand abated, farm prices fell far below the inflated cost of production. When it was evident that those prices could not sustain payments on the escalated price of land it too began a dramatic decline that has yet to be stopped. Some blame the embargo by then-President Carter for the decline in farm prices. It is interesting to note that the embargo was placed in effect January 3, 1980. Unprecedented world demand continued unabated until November 1981. More logically and with historic precedence the wildly fluctuating product prices simply sought their only stabilizing influence, as they always have, and found it, as they always have in the loan rate as established by our federal government. The only real reasonable conclusion is that the farm crisis could not and would not have occurred had the Carter or Reagan administrations simply adjusted loan rates to the increased costs of production. Proof lies in the dramatic decline of food costs in the consumer dollar over the exact same period of time.

These same low grain prices have had an equally devastating effect on our livestock industry. Packers and corporate style feed lots have unfair advantage in being able to buy feed grains at less than the farmer's cost of production. They can lock in prices that are profitable for them but at great expense to the cattle and feed grain producer alike. Only when feed grain prices are above the cost of production can farmer-feeders regain their rightful competitive advantage. Only then can the true force of supply and demand regulate our cattle industry. Only then can the entire farm credit system regain its solvency.

Russia has proven that non-private ownership of land does not work. China has shown that the capitalistic system of rewards does. The system of low prices has worked for the consumer and it has worked for the Russians. It has not worked for the farmers and it has not worked for our government. The farmers of this nation have done a very poor job in gaining the understanding of the Congress that agriculture needs a profit. That, my friends, is the crux of the entire problem.

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Zorinsky's grain price record questioned

Beatrice, Neb.

In spite of Sen. Zorinsky's contention (Today's Mail, Nov. 13) that he favors higher feed grain prices he is clearly on record in both other news media and in private letter of being in opposition to higher loan rates. My most serious contention with the senator lies in his apparent support of packer and huge corporation feedlots that drive the farmer-feeder out of business and bankrupt the cow-calf industry.

The senator's support of maintaining low feed grain prices allows these huge feedlots to buy grain far below the farmers' cost of production. They in turn lock in prices that are profitable for them but at the expense of the cattle and feed grain producer. Only when feed grains are priced above the cost of production can the farmer-feeder be competitive. Only then can the true forces of supply and demand regulate our cattle industry. Only then can the entire Farm Credit System regain its solvency.

The letter preceding the senator's from Mrs. Wilson Howe clearly indicates agriculture's disgust with the ranking minority leader's failure to bring forth a program that would offer an opportunity for profit. It is interesting to note that Sen. Zorinsky was the very first to communicate with the president urging a federal bailout of the Farm Credit System.

Finally the senator loves to point out in defense of his clear position of maintaining low prices that he is co-sponsor of the Harkin bill which embraces the mandatory concept and

Today's Mail

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has a zero chance of passage. At the same time he frequently states that he favors supply management which is an entirely different program.

I think the senator is confused and that may be part of the problem.

ALAN THOBER

Lincoln, Neb.

Gov. Kerrey says he wants to balance the budget. And then he wants a \$25,000 raise for the governor. We are letting most of our money go to Iowa for the lottery. I bet they will be able to balance their budget in a couple of years and here in the state of Nebraska we will be looking to see what we can raise in taxes to balance the budget.

As a 100 percent disabled veteran the government is paying Kerrey almost \$1,400 a month. And then he wants a raise from the people of Nebraska. I am a disabled veteran with bad legs, heart trouble and black lung from working in the coal mines and

all they give me is 50 percent and I cannot get any more disability as many times as I tried from the Veterans Administration. So he should take a cut in his salary.

Why don't we just get a state lottery. It will help a lot of people, the disabled, senior citizens and the poor people who can't pay their light and gas bills and bus service and water bills.

I know Helen Boosalis would be a great governor of Nebraska. She would control the state budget. I would work very hard for her if she would run.

ANDREW J. MILLER

Editor's Note: Gov. Bob Kerrey's request for an increase in the governor's salary would benefit his successor, not himself, since he will not be running for re-election and the raise would not be effective until the end of his term.

Christians seek love

Lincoln, Neb.

I am amazed that so many people so easily swallow lies, garbage, myths and distortions the media have thrown the public about Christians. What is the truth about believers in Jesus Christ?

Christians are not ayatollahs. They seek neither inquisitions nor religious wars. Believers in Jesus Christ desire to share his rescuing love with a world heading toward self-destruction. Each person has the freedom to choose life or death. Christians respect that freedom, but would like all people to choose life.

Christians do not wish to nuke the Soviet Union or anyone else. They do not believe in destroying those who disagree, but in winning them over by showing the reality of Jesus Christ's love and forgiveness.

Separation of church and state may be in the Soviet constitution, but it is not in ours. Our Constitution guarantees freedom of religion, not government-enforced freedom from religion. No constitutional mandate limits Christianity to the four walls of a church building on Sunday morning.

Christians are not ignoramuses. An objective study of the universe, free from humanistic preconceptions, leads a person to faith in God. Too many "educated" people are still prisoners of the dogmas of the Enlightenment. God seeks to free our minds, not enslave them.

I challenge people who have been deluded by secular media myths to throw away their copies of "Elmer Gantry," turn off the television stereotypes of Christians and take off their blinders. They will find Christians to be imperfect people who are dedicated to bringing love and healing to hurting people in a dying world. At the nearest church or fellowship, anyone will find that a beautiful reality can come into their lives.

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Letters

Wrestling With Competitiveness

As a holder of almost \$30,000 in accounts payable from farmers, and a seed and fertilizer retailer for 27 years, I can tell you that your position that farmers must lower their prices to market clearing levels is incorrect and irresponsible journalism [UPFRONT, DESPERATELY SEEKING A SOLUTION, September/October].

The American farmer may well be feeding 79 other people, but his earnings do not allow him to pay his fertilizer bill. I would much rather cut my sales in half and receive full payment than to continue with normal sales, and only get paid for half.

It's time the fertilizer industry recognize that if we are to remain a viable part of the agricultural service sector, farmers must profit first. Market clearing levels are really farmer clearing, and put small businesses in a position of insolvency. If farmers are to sell grain for half the cost of production, then the fertilizer industry should do the same. Neither you nor I could remain in business without a profit; so why advocate profitless farming?

The low price concept you embrace has already forced thousands of good hard-working farmers off the land, bankrupted more than 100 rural lending institutions, and placed the entire Farm Credit System in a position of insolvency. American agriculture is suffering from lack of profit — not lack of exports. In fact, had Carol Brookins extended her graph, it would have shown that the United States exported more grain in 1984 than in 1979. There is little relationship between exports and profits.

Alan L. Thober
Thober Sheep Co.
Beatrice, Neb.

Ms. Brookins responds:

Certainly farmers must profit if the fertilizer industry is to remain a viable part of the agricultural service sector. However, the only way for farmers to "profit" is through the marketplace. American agriculture's dismal state is due to a major decline in what had been a growing world market for U.S. farm products. This has been caused by a price support structure that provides income without any regard for producers'

ability to sell their output in the commercial market. United States wheat and coarse grain exports have fallen 26 million metric tons in just the past four years, or down more than 10 percent as a share of total world trade. This is down 15 percent from the high in 1979-80.

During this same period, U.S. taxpayers' cost for farm programs has soared to more than \$55 billion. A continuation of our current programs will further weaken the agricultural sector. If we were, as Mr. Thober suggests, to adopt a program of even greater supply controls and higher government price guarantees, we would have to further cut production, and this would lead to lower sales. The cycle would then escalate. Foreign competitors would further increase their own production as we withdrew from the world market. With nearly 40 percent of our output moving to overseas markets, we have no choice but to become competitive.

Agriculture and the American farmer are going through a serious crisis. However, this crisis has been encouraged by policies that shield farmers from markets. The issue is not whether the American government should continue to provide massive direct subsidies to support the American farmer. This is a political and economic fact. But, we must separate "income support" for farmers from market prices if we want to get back in business. There is no other sector of the U.S. economy — including the fertilizer industry — in which the federal government sets a minimum price guarantee, and is the ultimate buyer for surplus production.

American farmers have met world competitors successfully in the past, and can do so again if they use their resources wisely. I believe that most U.S. farmers would choose policies to give them access to expanding markets, rather than retreat behind a high wall of artificial government programs.

Carol Brookins
World Perspectives, Inc.
Washington, D.C.

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I have no intention of doing anything radical.
I have no idea what I will do when my back is to the wall.
Produced numerous recent letters from political elected
officials in response to his letters.

[redacted]

The entire reason he does write is to get opinions changed to
positions that would benefit agriculture

letter sent early Dec.
has not been last letter to Z

letter sent to U.S. mail

letter was no meant as a threat whatsoever only that he
could understand. He has warned [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted] not to do anything

That would make a farmer hostile
letter demanded or sought nothing
no present intent to do anything including violence when
letter written
no intent to do violence at any time

[redacted]

during the past 5 years. Not ready for
but preparation is there

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Z responded personally

response to Z 4

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Omaha World Herald wrote positive editorial, unsigned
which was critical of Z

in support of Z
Z 12-28-85 letter refers to that and other things

has met Z privately ^{once} in his ofc. in Omaha &
in and out of his ofc. Has also met at mtgs
1978-1979

is a bastard. A pawn of someone
advocating lower farm prices. A total idiot in
my opinion. News reports call him a

has knowledge of [redacted] based upon [redacted]
has [redacted] but did not care to itemize
stated he had access to anything [redacted]
has no knowledge of explosives.

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member of no groups who advocate self defense or
able other group other than social groups in
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[redacted] political figure
to make them understand farm crisis

thus was not simply a statement I wrote to Z, it was
the conclusion to an entire letter that flowed.

The potential threat was taken out of context
Concurrent w/ the shooting of the Iowa banker

I can understand why public officials hostile to agriculture
could be shot.

The mood in agriculture is dangerous in the country and
people are unpredictable

Z and I were friendly up until 3 yrs ago, we
then became hostile

There were hostile exchanges [redacted] between me & Z b6 b7C
Did not feel Z did what he was capable of doing &
bring forth a better farm bill more favorable to
agriculture.

has respect for Z but does not agree w/ what he did

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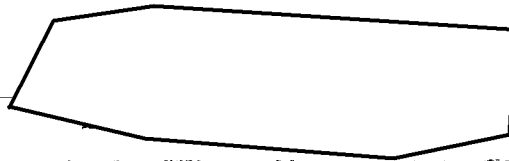
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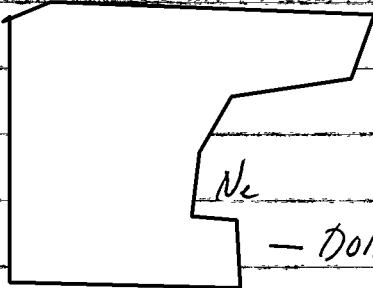
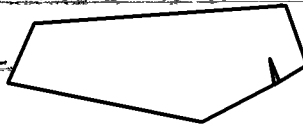


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Ted E. Henderson,
Sheriff

no criminal record, whatsoever
have had no problems w/ him
outspoken individual
has lived in area



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[REDACTED] VICTIM; EXTORTION; OO: OMAHA

RE WFO TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, 12/17/85.

USE CAUTION BECUASE OF POSSIBLE [REDACTED]

TITLE MARKED CHANGED TO REFLECT VICTIM STATUS OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AS WELL AS

TO SHOW VICTIMS MIDDLE INITIAL [REDACTED]

FOR INFORMATION OF CHICAGO, REFERENCED TELETYPE INDICATED
THAT, ON 12/17/85, WFO RETRIEVED A THREATENING LETTER, MAILED TO

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THE OFFICE OF NEBRASKA SENATOR EDWARD ZORINSKY, WHEREIN THE WRITER
STATED, "I WILL HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN UNDERSTANDING THE KILLING
OF A SENATOR, [REDACTED] THE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ETC.". THE WRITER SIGNED HIMSELF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEBRASKA, TELEPHONE NUMBER
[REDACTED]

ON 12/19/85, [REDACTED] WASHINGTON OFFICE
OF THE [REDACTED]
(S), TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] WAS TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED OF
THE POTENTIAL THREAT AGAINST THE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] IS HEADQUARTED AT
THE [REDACTED] IN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE WOULD PERSONALLY APPRISE [REDACTED] OF THE
POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST HIM.

LEAD: CHICAGO DIVISION, AT [REDACTED]: APPRISE LOCAL
AUTHORITIES OF POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST [REDACTED]

OMAHA DIVISION, AT [REDACTED] NEBRASKA: CONDUCT LOGICAL EX-
TORTION INVESTIGATION TO INCLUDE INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT AND LIAISON
WITH U.S. ATTORNEYS OFFICE. OMAHA IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE WFO OF
RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION IN ORDER THAT USCP MIGHT BE APPROPRIATELY

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TO DIRECTOR PRIORITY

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ATTN: PERSONAL CRIMES UNIT, FBIHQ.

[REDACTED] SENATOR EDWARD ZORINSKY-VICTIM; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VICTIM; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VICTIM; OO: OMAHA.

RE WFO TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DECEMBER 19, 1985.

USE CAUTION BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE [REDACTED]

FOR INFORMATION OF ATLANTA, REFERENCED TELETYPE INDICATED
THAT, ON DECEMBER 17, 1985, WFO RECEIVED A THREATENING
LETTER, MAILED TO THE OFFICE OF NEBRASKA SENATOR EDWARD
ZORINSKY, WHEREIN THE WRITER STATED, "I WILL HAVE NO DIFFICULTY

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[Signature]

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IN UNDERSTANDING THE KILLING OF SENATOR, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE [REDACTED], ETC."

THE WRITER SIGNED HIMSELF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEBRASKA, TELEPHONE

NUMBER [REDACTED]

CHICAGO HAS BEEN IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH [REDACTED]

AND HIS STAFF, SPECIFICALLY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

THE [REDACTED] IS LOCATED AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

CHICAGO HAS

ALERTED LIEUTENANT [REDACTED] P.D.,

TO THE POSSIBLE THREAT TO [REDACTED] MAINTAINS
A CONDOMINIUM IN [REDACTED] BUT IS ONLY IN THIS AREA

ABOUT [REDACTED] A MONTH. [REDACTED] PERMANENT RESIDENCE IS

IN [REDACTED] TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

THE ABOVE [REDACTED] OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER
THIS CASE, MAINLY BECAUSE OF THE [REDACTED]

SCHEDULED FOR [REDACTED] AT THE ATLANTA HILTON

AND TOWERS, AND THE ATLANTA MARRIOTT MARQUIS HOTEL IN ATLANTA,
GEORGIA.

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IN REGARDS TO THIS [REDACTED] ON DECEMBER 31, 1985,

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT, ON DECEMBER 24 HE RECEIVED
A TELEPHONE CALL FROM [REDACTED] FOR THE
ATLANTA JOURNAL. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE HAD RECENTLY
INTERVIEWED ONE [REDACTED] WHO IS KNOWN AS A [REDACTED]
IN THE AGRICULTURAL FIELD AND HAS [REDACTED]
OVER THE FIGHT OF THE AMERICAN FARMER. [REDACTED] ALLEGEDLY
TOLD [REDACTED] THAT HE HAD PLANS FOR THE [REDACTED], BUT
DID NOT SPECIFY WHAT THOSE PLANS WERE. [REDACTED] ALLEGEDLY
UNDER INVESTIGATION BY A GRAND JURY IN [REDACTED] FOR [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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ATLANTA SHOULD APPRISE THE ATLANTA P.D. OF INFORMATION
FROM [REDACTED] REGARDING [REDACTED] PROMPTLEY FURNISH TO CHICAGO
THE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF ATLANTA P.D. OFFICIAL WHOM
THE [REDACTED] CAN COMMUNICATE WITH DIRECTLY RE SECURITY AT THEIR
[REDACTED]

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OMAHA SHOULD PROMPTLY ADVISE INTERESTED OFFICES OF
RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION AT [REDACTED] NEBRASKA, RE SUBJECT,
AND WHETHER OR NOT SUBJECT, IF IDENTIFIED, PRESENTS A

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REAL THREAT TO THE VICTIMS.

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FM OMAHA (9A-2231) (P)

TO DIRECTOR (ROUTINE) *1250*WFO (ROUTINE) *0600*

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ATTENTION: PERSONAL CRIMES UNIT

[REDACTED] SENATOR ZORINSKY - VICTIM; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - VICTIM; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - VICTIM; EXTORTION; OO: OMAHA.

RE WFO TELETYPES TO DIRECTOR DATED 12/17/85, and 12/19/85.

SUBJECT WAS INTERVIEWED. HE CLAIMED THE STATEMENT PERCEIVED AS AN EXTORTION THREAT WAS MERELY THE CONCLUSION TO A LONG LETTER TO ZORINSKY. THE LETTER WAS WRITTEN SHORTLY AFTER AN IOWA AGRICULTURAL BANKER WAS KILLED BY A DISTRAUGHT FARMER. THE PHRASE IN QUESTION WAS MEANT TO CONVEY TO ZORINSKY THE MOOD IN AGRICULTURAL AMERICA WAS DANGEROUS AND THE FARMERS WERE UNPREDICTABLE. IN LIGHT OF THE MOOD, [REDACTED] WAS ABLE TO UNDERSTAND HOW PUBLIC

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OFFICIALS HOSTILE TO AGRICULTURE COULD BE TARGETS. [REDACTED]

CONCLUSION WAS NOT MEANT AS A THREAT AND MUST BE READ IN CONTEXT
WITH THE ENTIRE LETTER.

FD-302 OF ENTIRE [REDACTED] INTERVIEW WILL FOLLOW.

WFO AT WASHINGTON, D. C. FURNISH VIA AIRTEL, THE COMPLETE
DECEMBER 2, 1985, OR DECEMBER 3, 1985, LETTER IN QUESTION FOR
CONTINUING INVESTIGATION AT LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, AND APPROPRIATE
CONSULTATION WITH AUSA.

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TO ATLANTA (PRIORITY) 20002 MLC

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[REDACTED] SENATOR EDWARD ZORINSKI - VICTIM; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - VICTIM; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - VICTIM; EXTORTION; OO: OMAHA.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JANUARY 4, 1986.

SUBJECT WAS INTERVIEWED. [REDACTED] CLAIMED THE STATEMENT PERCEIVED AS AN EXTORTION THREAT WAS MERELY THE CONCLUSION TO A LONG LETTER TO ZORINSKI. THE LETTER WAS WRITTEN SHORTLY AFTER AN IOWA AGRICULTURAL BANKER WAS KILLED BY A DISTRAUGHT FARMER. THE KILLING RECEIVED NATIONAL PUBLICITY. THE PHRASE IN QUESTION WAS MEANT TO CONVEY TO ZORINSKI THE MOOD IN AGRICULTURAL AMERICA WAS DANGEROUS AND THE FARMERS WERE UNPREDICTABLE. IN LIGHT OF USE CAUTION BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE [REDACTED]

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THIS MOOD, [] WAS ABLE TO UNDERSTAND HOW PUBLIC OFFICIALS
HOSTILE TO AGRICULTURE COULD BE TARGETS. [] CONCLUSION
WAS NOT MEANT AS A THREAT AND MUST BE READ IN CONTEXT WITH THE
ENTIRE LETTER COMPOSED TO ZORINSKI.

FD-302 OF ENTIRE [] INTERVIEW WILL FOLLOW.

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TO CHICAGO (9A-7879) PRIORITY

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[REDACTED] SENATOR EDWARD ZORINSKY-VICTIM; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - VICTIM; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VICTIM; OO: OMAHA.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO FBIHQ, DATED JANUARY 4, 1986.

LIEUTENANT [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT ALL COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE
THROUGH HIM AT TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] VICTIM; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VICTIM; OO: OMAHA.

REFERENCE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, DATED JANUARY 20, 1984.

FOR INFORMATION CHICAGO, LIEUTENANT [REDACTED]

ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT, [REDACTED] WAS ADVISED OF FACTS IN
REFERENCED TELETYPE. ATLANTA IS ALSO MAKING CONTACT WITH APPROPRIATE
SECURITY OFFICIALS AT HOTELS.

FOR INFORMATION RECEIVING OFFICES, [REDACTED] IS KNOWN TO
THE ATLANTA OFFICE AND RECENTLY HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN THE FARMERS

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MOVEMENT. [REDACTED]

THE PREVENTION OF THE

EVICT ION OF A FARMER IN SOUTH GEORG IA. [REDACTED] MEMBERS OF THE

[REDACTED] SURROUNDED THE FARM WITH

ARMED GUNMEN AND PREVENTED THE SHERIFF FROM SERVING EVICTION

NOT ICS. [REDACTED] IS DESCRIBED AS A [REDACTED] MALE, DATE OF BIRTH

[REDACTED] POUNDS.

[REDACTED] WAS TO DEPART [REDACTED] ON [REDACTED]

ON [REDACTED]

AND TRAVEL TO [REDACTED] FOR SEVERAL [REDACTED]

FROM [REDACTED] HE IS TO TRAVEL INTO [REDACTED]

AND SHOULD NOT RETURN DURING THE WEEK OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED BY GEORG IA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND

STATED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE GBI ALSO RECEIVED

INFORMATION ON JANUARY 7, 1986, FROM AUTHORITIES IN OKLAHOMA

THAT 19 ARMED MEMBERS LEFT OKLAHOMA, JANUARY 6, 1986, EN ROUTE

TO GEORG IA, HOWEVER, THIS GROUP HAS NOT ARRIVED IN GEORG IA TO DATE.

THIS GROUP IS LED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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FM OKLAHOMA CITY (9A-4627).

TO DIRECTOR, FBI PRIORITY

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SENATOR EDWARD ZORINSKY - VICTIM;

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VICTIM; EXTORTION OO: OMAHA

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, JANUARY 10, 1986.

ON JANUARY 13, 1986, BILL ALEXANDER, SHERIFF, STEPHENS COUNTY, DUNCAN, OKLAHOMA, ADVISED HE IS FAMILIAR WITH

RESIDES AT WHO IS DESCRIBED

AS A MALE; DOB PLACE OF BIRTH

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[REDACTED] DRIVERS LICENSE
AND SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NUMBER [REDACTED] WEARS
[REDACTED] AND HIS [REDACTED] AND HIS HAIR IS
[REDACTED] AT
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[REDACTED] THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL ON
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] IN DISTRICT COURT AT [REDACTED]
AND WAS [REDACTED] ATF WAS ADVISED OF [REDACTED]
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ALEXANDER STATED THAT HE HAS NOT KNOWN [REDACTED] TO BE
ASSOCIATING WITH [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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BUT IT WOULD NOT SURPRISE HIM BECAUSE [REDACTED] IS AN OUTSPOKEN
PERSON.

[REDACTED] IS AN OUTSPOKEN [REDACTED] AND HAS BEEN KNOWN
TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH GROUPS AS THE [REDACTED] AND HE HAS
NOW TAKEN UP THE CAUSE OF THE [REDACTED] TO PROTEST
THEIR LANDS BEING FORECLOSED AGAINST. [REDACTED] IS A [REDACTED] MALE;

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DOB [] PLACE OF BIRTH []

SSAN [] THE BUREAU HAS HAD PRIOR COMMUNICATIONS ON

[] UNDER BUREAU FILE NUMBER []

ALEXANDER STATED THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO [] ABOUT SIX
WEEKS AGO AND LEARNED THAT [] HAD TRAVELED TO THE []

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[] TO PROTEST THE FORECLOSURE OF A FARM AND []

[] TO JOIN ANOTHER PROTEST

ON A FARM FORECLOSURE IN THE FUTURE.

ALEXANDER STATED HE DOES NOT KNOW THE CURRENT WHEREABOUTS
OF [], BUT WILL MAKE ATTEMPTS TO LEARN THAT
INFORMATION AND SO ADVISE THE FBI.

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ON JANUARY 13, 1986, SA [] OKLAHOMA CITY,
ADVISED THAT HE HAD INVESTIGATED THE INCIDENT OF []
WHEN [] WAS ARRESTED [] AND IT
WAS DISCOVERED THAT [] IS A LICENSED [] DEALER, THEREFORE,
THE U.S.A. WHO DECLINED TO PROSECUTE [] DESCRIBES
[] AS ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, OMAHA (9A-2231) (P)

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SENATOR ZORINSKY - VICTIM;

[REDACTED] VICTIM;

[REDACTED] - VICTIM

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Re WFO teletypes to Director dated December 17, 1985, and December 19, 1985, and Chicago teletype to Director dated January 4, 1986.

Enclosed for Director and each receiving office are:

1. Two copies of FD-302 reflecting January 3, 1986, interview of [REDACTED]
2. Two copies of FD-302 reflecting January 3, 1986, interview of Gage County Chief Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED]
3. Record check with the Nebraska State Patrol.

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[redacted] Office
of Senator EDWARD ZORINSKY, Russell Building, Room 443,
Washington, D. C., telephone [redacted] provided the
Washington Field Office (WFO) of the FEDERAL BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION (FBI), with a letter received at the Senator's
Office earlier that same date, bearing the letterhead,
[redacted] Nebraska, [redacted]
[redacted] " addressed to Senator EDWARD ZORINSKY from
[redacted] The letter was dated December 12, 1985.

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The letter was initialed, dated, and sealed as
evidence for transmittal to the FBI Laboratory, Washington,
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Investigation on 12/17/85 at Washington, D. C. File # Washington Field
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Senator Edward Zorinsky
Sr 443 Russell Senate Office Bldg.
Washington D.C. 20510

December 12, 1985

Dear Senator Ed

I was very pleased to receive a copy of the letter of support from Senator Harkin. It is important for me that you know that my recent and continued criticism is in no way directed at you personally but rather confined to what most farmers would consider a very dismal performance.

Most weeks I have the privilege of communicating with relatively large numbers of farmers and businessmen. Until a month ago I always made it a point to mention that we were extremely fortunate to have Senator Zorinsky as ranking minority member of the Ag committee.

It is my hope that you can accept this criticism and understand that it comes directly from the farmers perspective.

Not being a Senator I am certain that there is a great deal that I do not understand. Therefore the following statements may very well be unfair. None the less considering your position it appears one or all of the following may apply as to your total failure to bring about even the slightest improvement in farm programs. Senator Zorinsky is not aware that there exists a serious farm crisis. Senator Zorinsky is aware of the farm crisis but does not know the cause. Senator Zorinsky fully understands the crisis and its cause but is under obligations to outside sources so critical that the sacrifice of many family farmers is of minor importance. Senator Zorinsky understands and is free to support Nebraska farmers but lacks the ability to communicate with his peers.

Now its important for you to understand my perspective. I understand why Mr. Spilker killed himself. I understand why the banker in Iowa was shot. I will have no difficulty in understanding the killing of a senator, the

the and etc. I understand the bankruptcies of many of my familys lifelong friends. I understand the farm sales and the for sale signs that embrace Nebraskas farmland.

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I understand farm related stress and the need of counseling.
I fully understand heart attacks and boy am I ever
aware of the pain.

I do not understand grown up men who are paid high
governmental salaries and are elected because of a
reasonable amount of intelligence spending hours long
into the night argueing over such minor matters as
whether we are going to freeze farm prices for two
or three years.

I do not understand a Senator who failed to raise farm
income even one small dollar, sponsoring a bill to bail
out the farm credit system with taxpayers money, while
knowing full well it can never be paid back.

This year will soon pass. The non productive farm bill of
85, breeds discontent that will be born in 86. The offspring
will be more farm failures, bank insolvancys, killings, suicides,
divorces and perhaps even agri-cide.

If I could be granted one wish for the new year it would
be that all of us involved in the agri-industry recognise
the meaning of interdependence.
Thus far we have witnessed only the very small beginning
of what some would call a crisis.

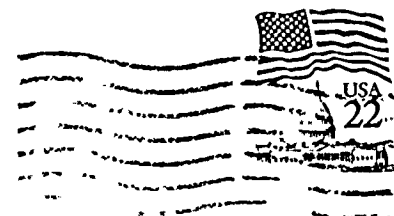
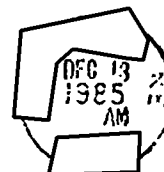
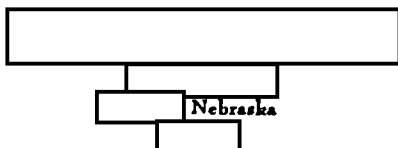
The Congress of 86 will have to deal with surplus
grains that exceed the total supply available in pre-pik
83. It must deal with farm income that has reached
an all time low. I can only hope that this time it
will act with intelligence and integrity.

Sincerely

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Senator Edward Zorinsky
SR 443 Russell Senate Office Building
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Date 1/14/86

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 ATTENTION: PERSONAL CRIMES UNIT, CID AND
 FBI LABORATORY, DOCUMENT SECTION,
 [REDACTED]

FROM: SAC, WFO (9A-5337) (P) (C-4)

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[REDACTED]
 SENATOR EDWARD ZORINSKY - VICTIM;

[REDACTED] - VICTIM;

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Re WFO teletype to Bureau, dated 12/17/85.

Enclosed for the Bureau, Laboratory, is the following item:

1) One letter, bearing the letterhead, [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] Nebraska, [REDACTED]
 dated 12/12/85, addressed to Senator EDWARD ZORINSKY, signed
 [REDACTED] Enclosed for Bureau, Personal Crimes,
 is copy of above letter. Enclosed for receiving offices
 is copy of letter and FD-302 pertaining to acquisition
 of same.

For the information of the Bureau, on 12/17/85,
 [REDACTED] Office of Senator
 EDWARD ZORINSKY, Russell Building, Room 443, Washington,
 D. C., telephone [REDACTED] provided WFO with enclosed
 letter. The pertinent part of the text read as follows:

USE CAUTION BECAUSE OF [REDACTED]

6-Bureau (Encs. 2)
 (4-FBI Laboratory, Document Section)
 (2-Personal Crimes Unit, CID Unit)
 2-Atlanta (Encs. 2)
 2-Chicago (Encs. 2)
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"I will have no difficulty in understanding the killing of a Senator, [redacted] the [redacted] [redacted] etc."

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Appropriate agencies were notified:

[redacted]

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

Document Section:

Compare enclosed letter with anonymous letter file and conduct laboratory examinations for watermarks, indented writings, or any other physical characteristics deemed appropriate. Forward copy to [redacted] for psychological and demographic profiling of author and to determine validity of threat.

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Latent Fingerprint Section:

Develop any latent prints for future comparisons with known prints.

USE CAUTION BECAUSE OF [redacted]

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TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype
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Date 1/15/86

TO: SAC, OMAHA (9A-2231)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (9A-7879) (RUC) (SQ 8/13A)

[REDACTED]
SENATOR EDWARD ZORINSKI - VICTIM;

[REDACTED] - VICTIM;

[REDACTED] - VICTIM

EXTORTION

OO: Omaha

Re Chicago teletype to the Bureau, 1/4/86; Omaha teletype to Atlanta, 1/8/86; and Atlanta teletype to Chicago, 1/9/86.

For the information of Omaha, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was advised on 1/10/86, of the results of Omaha's interview of the subject and of the information from Atlanta, relative to security at the [REDACTED] in Atlanta, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that the [REDACTED] has been in contact with Senator ZORINSKI's office on this matter and it is felt that, based on the full context of the alleged threatening letter, the subject [REDACTED] does not pose a real threat to the victims, and [REDACTED] agrees with this. However, this incident has caused [REDACTED] to take a new look at its security measures.

Lt. [REDACTED] Police Department, has also been advised of the above information.

Since there are no specific leads currently outstanding in the Chicago Division, this matter is considered RUC.

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Washington Field Office

January 24, 1986

[redacted] 9A-2231*
 SENATOR EDWARD ZORINSKY - VICTIM;
 [redacted]
 [redacted] - VICTIM;
 Re: EXTORTION

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

60115013 D WN VF

OO: Omaha

Examination requested by: Washington Field Office

Reference: Communication dated January 14, 1986

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens received January 15, 1986

Specimens:

- Q1 Envelope postmarked [redacted] NE [redacted] DEC 13 1985" bearing the typewritten address "Senator Edward Zorinsky Sr 443 Russell Senate Office Building Washington D.C. 20510"
- Q2 Page one of an accompanying two-page typewritten letter beginning "Dear Senator Ed..."
- Q3 Page two of an accompanying two-page typewritten letter beginning "I understand farm..."

ALSO SUBMITTED:

Photocopies of Q1 through Q3

Result of examination:

Specimens Q1 through Q3 were searched in the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies have been added to this file for future reference.

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The questioned typewriting on Q1 through Q3 was determined to have horizontal spacing of 10 characters per inch. The style and size of type most closely corresponds to Laboratory standards for a type style manufactured by IBM. This type style may also be found on other brand name typewriters.

Specimens Q2 and Q3 contained the watermark "HAMMERMILL BOND MADE IN USA" which is manufactured by Hammermill Papers Group, Division of Hammermill Paper Company, 1540 E. Lake Road (Post Office Box 1440), Erie, Pennsylvania 16533. No indented writing or other physical characteristics were observed on Q1 through Q3 which would further assist in determining their immediate origin.

The results of the requested psycholinguistic and latent fingerprint examinations and the disposition of the submitted evidence will be the subject of separate reports. Photographs are retained.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 1/13/86

home telephone [redacted] was interviewed at his residence by Special Agent [redacted] and Special Agent [redacted] United States Secret Service, Omaha, Nebraska. [redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and that the interview concerned an early December 1985, letter to United States Senator EDWARD ZORINSKY of Nebraska. [redacted] voluntarily furnished the following information:

[redacted] was a [redacted] was located approximately [redacted] Nebraska. He was born, raised and lived in [redacted] [redacted] supplied a [redacted] which stated:

Nebraska

[redacted] admitted he prepared a letter to Senator EDWARD ZORINSKY in early December 1985, which stated, "I will have no difficulty in understanding the killing of a Senator, [redacted] the [redacted]." The letter was sent through the United States mail shortly after it was written. The letter neither sought from ZORINSKY nor demanded anything. Its sole purpose was to influence Senator ZORINSKY's opinion toward positions more sympathetic and beneficial to agriculture in America.

[redacted] described himself as a [redacted]. He produced numerous response letters he received from elected political officials. Additionally, [redacted] produced numerous newspaper and magazine clippings evidencing [redacted]

Investigation on 1/3/86 at [redacted] Nebraska File # Omaha 9A-2231
by SA [redacted] :nik Date dictated 1/9/86

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open debate in local and national media in an effort to influence national farm policy. Copies of selected letters and media articles were obtained. _____ related he met Senator ZORINSKY on one occasion in ZORINSKY's Lincoln, Nebraska, office. _____ has also made approximately _____ in an attempt to work for a more favorable agricultural policy.

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_____ respected Senator ZORINSKY. However, _____ did not feel Senator ZORINSKY did all he was capable of doing to bring forth a farm bill favorable to agriculture. _____ position diverged from Senator ZORINSKY's apparent course beginning October 1985. Shortly thereafter, _____ became involved in hostile exchanges _____ with ZORINSKY. On the other hand, in mid-December 1985, after the passage of the farm bill, the "Omaha World Herald" published an unsigned position editorial critical of ZORINSKY. _____

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_____ supporting ZORINSKY. ZORINSKY followed with a December 28, 1985, letter to _____ expressing gratitude for _____ support of ZORINSKY.

_____ described _____ as a "bastard, a pawn of someone advocating lower farm prices, a total idiot in my opinion". _____ added that even news reports label _____ a _____

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_____ claimed the statement perceived as a threat was merely the conclusion to a letter to Senator ZORINSKY. The letter was written shortly after an Iowa agricultural banker was killed by a distraught farmer. The shooting received national publicity. The phrase in question was meant to convey to ZORINSKY the mood in agricultural America was dangerous and the farmers were unpredictable. In light of this mood, _____ conveyed the concept he would be able to understand how public officials hostile to agriculture could be targets. _____ conclusion was not meant as a threat. The phrase must be read in context with the entire letter.

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_____ possessed no intent to do any violent act when the December 1985, letter to Senator ZORINSKY was written. He had no intent to do any violent act in the past or present. _____ did state that _____ during the past five years. He was not ready to _____ but the potential for progression in that direction was evident. _____ stated he was unable to predict what he would do if _____

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_____ has warned _____ the mood in agricultural America was dangerous and the farmers were unpredictable. He attempted to persuade _____ not do anything that would make a farmer hostile. _____ conveyed the same warnings to _____ who is also a _____ cautioned the interviewing agents not to approach distraught farmers at their residence in uniform or marked vehicle.

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_____ possessed a knowledge of _____. He claimed his knowledge was based upon _____ possessed _____ and had access to any _____ he desired. He did not wish to comment further upon his source of access or the _____ he had access to. _____ had no knowledge of explosives. He was the member of no paramilitary group or any other group advocating self-defense or armed up-rising. He was never arrested.

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_____ was under a _____
_____ He was _____ through the _____
_____ Lincoln, Nebraska. _____
_____ political figures and make them understand the farm crisis.

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The following background and descriptive data was obtained through interview and observation:

Name
Current residence
Residence telephone
Race
Sex
Date of birth
Height
Weight
Eyes
Hair
Marital status
Children

Usual occupation
Present employer
Social Security
Account Number
Education

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| Name | _____ |
| Current residence | _____ |
| Residence telephone | _____ Nebraska _____ |
| Race | _____ |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of birth | _____ |
| Height | _____ |
| Weight | _____ pounds |
| Eyes | _____ |
| Hair | _____ |
| Marital status | _____ |
| Children | _____ |
| Usual occupation | _____ |
| Present employer | _____ |
| Social Security | _____ |
| Account Number | _____ |
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| Driver's license | Nebraska | |
| Expires | | |
| Motor vehicles owned | | in color |
| Arrests | None | |

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 1/14/86

[redacted] Chief Deputy Sheriff, Gage County Sheriff's Office, 612 Lincoln Street, Beatrice, Nebraska, was interviewed at his place of employment by Special Agent [redacted] and Special Agent [redacted] United States Secret Service. [redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview. He voluntarily furnished the following information:

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[redacted] was personally acquainted with [redacted] [redacted] resided in the [redacted] Nebraska, area [redacted] Although [redacted] was an outspoken individual, the Gage County Sheriff's Office never experienced any problems with him.

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In an effort to be precise, [redacted] reviewed the files of the Gage County Sheriff's Office. [redacted] [redacted] no record was located identifiable with [redacted]

Investigation on 1/3/86 at [redacted] Nebraska File # Omaha 9A-2231 -17

by SA [redacted] njk Date dictated 1/9/86

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at Lincoln, Nebraska, on January 9, 1986:

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[redacted] Nebraska State Patrol, Lincoln, Nebraska, advised a search of the criminal records at the Nebraska State Patrol failed to reveal any information identifiable with [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at Lincoln, Nebraska, on February 5, 1986:

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The results of the investigation of [redacted] were discussed in detail with United States Attorney (USA) RONALD D. LAHNERS. LAHNERS advised [redacted]

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[redacted] Senator ZORTENSKY.

LAHNERS [redacted]

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LAHNERS [redacted]

SA [redacted] subsequently contacted USSS SA [redacted] at [redacted] Omaha office. [redacted] advised he discussed [redacted] medical status with [redacted] treating physician. [redacted] was being treated at the VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER, 600 South 70th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. [redacted] was being treated in an outpatient basis for [redacted]. The physician was unaware [redacted] was suffering from [redacted]. SA [redacted] agreed to contact USA LAHNERS and advise him of the above medical status.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

YOUR FILE NO. 9A-5337 (P) (C-4)
 FBI FILE NO.
 LATENT CASE NO. C-53178

2/18/86

TO: SAC, WFO

RE:

SENATOR EDWARD ZORINSKY - VICTIM;

- VICTIM;
 EXTORTION

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REFERENCE: Airtel 1/14/86
 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: WFO
 SPECIMENS: Envelope, Q1
 Two-page letter, Q2 and Q3

The Q specimens are further described in a separate Laboratory report.

The specimens were examined and two latent fingerprints of value were developed on Q1 and Q2.

The latent fingerprints are not the fingerprints of

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The specimens, along with photocopies of Q1 through Q3, which were also submitted, are enclosed.

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TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype
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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
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☐ UNCLAS

Date 4/22/86

TO : SAC, OMAHA

FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (9A-4627) (RUC)

ET AL;
 EXTORTION;
 OO: OMAHA

Re Oklahoma City teletype to Bureau, 1/15/86.

As of January, 1986, close liasion has been maintained with local authorities, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms regarding the current status and/or relationship of [redacted] with [redacted] or the [redacted]. As of this date, no type of relationship has been detected between [redacted] and [redacted] the [redacted]. Due to lack of additional leads, Oklahoma City considers this case RUC'd.

② - Omaha
 1 - Oklahoma City
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: PERSONAL CRIMES UNIT

FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (9A-5337) (C-4) (P)

[REDACTED] 9A-2231*
[REDACTED] SENATOR EDWARD ZORINSKY-VICTIM;

[REDACTED] VICTIM;

EXTORTION;
OO:OMAHA

Re WFO teletype to Bureau, dated 12/17/85.

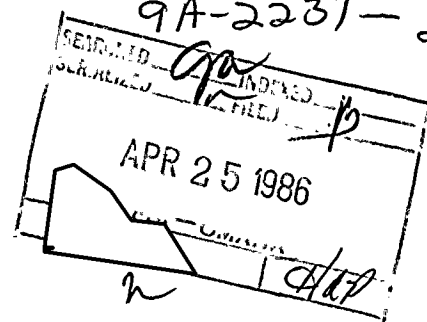
The UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE (USCP) has requested the status of the investigation so they can conclude their threat assessment for Senator ZORINSKY.

If possible submit results of investigation on LHM suitable for dissemination to USCP.

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Director, FBI

SAC, Washington Field (9A-5337)(C-4)

[REDACTED]
SENATOR EDWARD ZORINSKY - VICTIM;

[REDACTED] - VICTIM;

EXTORTION

OO: Omaha

(Laboratory #60115013 D WH VF)

LABORATORY LINGUISTICS ANALYSIS

This will supplement the Laboratory report of 1/24/86, wherein the specimens are described and their disposition is set forth. A forensic linguistics examination was conducted on photocopies of Q1 through Q3. Inasmuch as the author of these specimens is tentatively identified, copies of Q1 through Q3 are not being forwarded to the FBI's outside consultant, [REDACTED] as requested, since it is felt that the best information can be obtained from a suspect interview. If an interview is not feasible, or if this suspect is not viable, the psycholinguistic examination can be again requested.

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Date 11-2-86

FM OMAHA . (9A-223]) (P)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /ROUTINE - 2230

ATLANTA (9A-3104) (SQ 7) ROUTINE 1015

CHICAGO (9A-7879) (SQ 78/13A) ROUTINE - 0448

MINNEAPOLIS ROUTINE 1040

OKLAHOMA CITY (9A-4627) ROUTINE 1050

WFO (9A-5337) (C-4) ROUTINE 1155

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[REDACTED] SENATOR EDWARD ZORINSKY - VICTIM; [REDACTED]

VICTIM; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - VICTIM; EXTORTION; OO: OMAHA

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA
 HAS DECLINED PROSECUTION IN THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MATTER. OMAHA
 HAS DISCONTINUED ITS INVESTIGATION. AOS INVOLVED IN THE

[REDACTED] INVESTIGATION SHOULD SIMILARLY DISCONTINUE. OAS
 INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION OF [REDACTED] ASSOCIATES IN RADICAL
 AGRICULTURAL POLITICS SHOULD TAKE NOTE OF THE DECLINATION IN THE

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Date _____

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MATTER AND EVALUATE THE POSTURE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE
INVESTIGATIONS ACCORDINGLY.

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 9A-2231

Post Office Box 548
Omaha, Nebraska 68101
May 19, 1986

Mr. Ronald D. Lahners
United States Attorney
District of Nebraska
Omaha, Nebraska

Re: [REDACTED]
EXTORTION LETTER TO
SENATOR EDWARD ZORINSKY

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Dear Mr. Lahners:

This letter will confirm two conversations between
yourself and Special Agent [REDACTED] at Lincoln, Nebraska.

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HAR

On February 5, 1986, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Nebraska Senator Edward Zorinsky.

On April 24, 1986, [REDACTED]

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You stated the facts presented failed to merit prosecutive
action against [REDACTED]. The United States Attorney's Office
required no further investigation into this matter.

In view of the foregoing, no further investigation will
be conducted by the Omaha office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Very truly yours,

James F. Ahearn
Special Agent in Charge

1 - Addressee
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(3) *cmr*



By: *JA*

Assistant Special Agent in Charge

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Omaha, Nebraska
May 21, 1986

[redacted]
SENATOR EDWARD ZORINSKY - VICTIM:

[redacted] -
VICTIM
EXTORTION

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[redacted] Nebraska,
was interviewed at his residence on January 3, 1986. He voluntarily
furnished the following information:

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[redacted] was a [redacted]
was located approximately [redacted]
Nebraska. He was born, raised, and lived in [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] admitted he prepared a letter to Senator
EDWARD ZORINSKY in early December 1985, which stated, in part,
"I will have no difficulty in understanding the killing of
a Senator, [redacted] the [redacted]
[redacted]." The letter was sent through the United States
Mail shortly after it was written. The letter neither sought
from nor demanded anything of ZORINSKY. Its sole purpose
was to influence Senator ZORINSKY's opinion toward positions
more sympathetic and beneficial to agriculture in America.

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[redacted] described himself as a [redacted]
He produced numerous response letters he received from elected
political officials. Additionally, [redacted] produced numerous
newspaper and magazine clippings evidencing [redacted]
[redacted] open debate in local and national media in an effort to
influence national farm policy. [redacted] related he met Senator
ZORINSKY on one occasion in ZORINSKY's Lincoln, Nebraska,
office. [redacted] has also made approximately [redacted]
[redacted], in an attempt to work for a more favorable
agricultural policy.

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[redacted] respected Senator ZORINSKY. However, [redacted]
did not feel Senator ZORINSKY did all he was capable of doing
to bring forth a farm bill favorable to agriculture. [redacted]
position diverged from Senator ZORINSKY's apparent course

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① - Omaha (9A-2331) HAP:ls (8)

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of action beginning October 1985. Shortly thereafter, [redacted] became involved in hostile exchanges [redacted] with ZORINSKY. On the other hand, in mid-December 1985, after the passage of the farm bill, the "Omaha World Herald" published an unsigned position editorial critical of ZORINSKY. [redacted]

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[redacted] supporting ZORINSKY. ZORINSKY followed with a December 28, 1985, letter to [redacted] expressing gratitude for [redacted] support of ZORINSKY.

[redacted] described [redacted] as a "bastard, a pawn of someone advocating lower farm prices, a total idiot in my opinion." [redacted] added that even news reports label [redacted] a [redacted]

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[redacted] claimed the statement perceived as a threat was merely the conclusion to the letter to Senator ZORINSKY. The letter was written shortly after an Iowa agricultural banker was killed by [redacted]. The shooting received national publicity. The phrase in question was meant to convey to ZORINSKY the mood in agricultural America was dangerous and the farmers were unpredictable. In light of this mood, [redacted] conveyed the concept he would be able to understand how public officials hostile to agriculture could be targets. [redacted] conclusion was not meant as a threat. The phrase must be read in context with the entire letter.

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[redacted] possessed no intent to do any violent act when the December 1985, letter to Senator ZORINSKY was written. He had no intent to do any violent act in the past or present.

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[redacted] did state that [redacted] during the past five years. He was not ready to [redacted] but the potential for progression in that direction was evident. [redacted] stated he was unable to predict what he would do if [redacted]

[redacted] has warned [redacted] the mood in agricultural America was dangerous and the farmers were unpredictable. He attempted to persuade [redacted] not to do anything that would make a farmer hostile. [redacted] conveyed the same warnings to [redacted] who is also a [redacted]. [redacted] cautioned the interviewing agents not to approach distraught farmers at their residence in uniform or marked vehicle.

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[redacted] possessed a knowledge of [redacted]. He claimed his knowledge was based upon [redacted]. [redacted] possessed [redacted] and had access to any [redacted] he desired.

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He did not wish to comment further upon his source of access or the [REDACTED] he had access to. [REDACTED] had no knowledge of explosives. He was not a member of a paramilitary group or any other group advocating self-defense or armed up-rising. He was never arrested.

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[REDACTED] was under a [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. He was [REDACTED] through the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Lincoln, Nebraska.

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A check with state and local law enforcement agencies revealed no criminal record identifiable with [REDACTED]

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On April 24, 1986, United States Attorney, District of Nebraska, stated the facts did not merit prosecutive action against [REDACTED]

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Date 5/21/86

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 ATTENTION: PERSONAL CRIMES UNIT

FROM: SAC, OMAHA (9A-2⁷31) (C)

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